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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 02

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SCUL, IV

SUBJ: LOS ANGELES JUBILEE SINGERS

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REF: STATE 187221; ABIDJAN 6820

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE GROUP'S COOPERATION AND
WILLINGNESS ADAPT SCHEDULE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS.

2. VIDEOTAPE SESSION MUST BE IN STUDIO SINCE NO
LOCAL CAPABILITY FOR REMOTE TAPING. (CONFIRM NON-
COMMERCIAL USE ONLY.) TELEVISION HAD PREVIOUSLY
SCHEDULED TAPING SESSION AT 15H00 ON SEPT 16, BUT AT
OUR REQUEST HAS RESCHEDULED FOR 10H00 ON MORNING OF
SEPT 17. (THIS CUTS THINGS A LITTLE CLOSE FOR 12H30
TELECAST, WHICH IS MAJOR PROMOTIONAL BOOST FOR EVENING
PERFORMANCE, BUT THEY ASSURE US IT IS POSSIBLE).

3. NO PROBLEMS OTHER GROUP REQUIREMENTS/PREFERENCES.
NOTE THAT FOR PERFORMANCE AT CENTER ON SEPT 61,
INAUGURATION/RECEPTION PER SE WILL BEGIN AT 18H30 WITH
CONCERT AT 19H30. IF DESIRED (PER PARA 5 URTEL), GROUP
CAN HAVE USE OF ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR OF CENTER AS OF 18H15
OR EARLIER. FLOOR IS COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM
PUBLIC, HAS AMPLE FACILITIES FOR CHANGING CLOTHES,
RELAXING. WILL PROVIDE LIGHT SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS
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AS DESIRED. ON OTHER HAND, WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO

HAVE GROUP PARTICIPATE IN INAUGURATION/RECEPTION WITH
OTHER GUESTS. DECISION CAN AWAIT THEIR ARRIVAL.

4. ASSUME WILLINGNESS OF DIRECTOR MCNEIL AND OTHERS
TO DO RADIO/PRESS INTERVIEWS WOULD INCLUDE LIVE
PARTICIPATION IN NOON T.V. BROADCAST ON SEPT 17.
(WE WILL SEE THAT INTERPRETER IS PRESENT.)

5. APPRECIATE SOONEST CONFIRMATION PARA 4 ABOVE,
AND PLEASE INFORM GROUP WE GREATLY LOOKING FORWARD
THEIR VISIT.
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